

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 545

By: Senator M. Johnson
By: Representative Dalby

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION;
TO AMEND THE LAW RELATED TO THE PROPERTY AND FINANCES
OF STATE INSTITUTIONS; TO AMEND THE LAW RELATED TO
BONDS; TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING RENTS, TOLLS, FEES,
AND OTHER CHARGES RELATED TO ATHLETIC CONTESTS; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW RELATED TO THE PROPERTY
AND FINANCES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF
HIGHER EDUCATION; TO AMEND THE LAW
RELATED TO BONDS; AND TO AMEND THE LAW
REGARDING RENTS, TOLLS, FEES, AND OTHER
CHARGES RELATED TO ATHLETIC CONTESTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-62-302(a), concerning the authority of the boards of trustees of the University of Arkansas, Arkansas State University system, University of Central Arkansas, Henderson State University, Arkansas Tech University, and Southern Arkansas University, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Subject to and in accordance with the terms of this subchapter, the boards of trustees of the University of Arkansas, Arkansas State University system, University of Central Arkansas, ~~Henderson State University~~, Arkansas Tech University, and Southern Arkansas University, respectively, are authorized and empowered as public agencies of the State of



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Arkansas to:

(1) Construct buildings, structures, parking facilities, or other improvements which the board of trustees deems proper or suitable for the school and to purchase sites therefor, if necessary;

(2) Purchase for such purpose buildings already constructed and the tracts of land on which they are situated;

(3) Reconstruct, enlarge or repair, and equip any buildings or structures of the university, including, but not limited to, buildings or structures constructed or purchased under authority of this subchapter; ~~and~~

(4) Purchase for such purposes and pay the expense of tearing down, removing to the school, reconstructing, and equipping houses, buildings, or structures; and

(5) Acquire, improve, install, license, lease, or equip other facilities, improvements, leaseholds, infrastructure, technologies, or any other tangible or intangible properties that the board of trustees deems proper or suitable for the school.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-62-305(a), concerning the authorization of the board of trustees to issue negotiable interest bearing notes or bonds, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(6) Any other revenues derived from the operation of the board and the campuses governed thereby, excluding any moneys that are derived from tax collections.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-62-311 is amended to read as follows:

6-62-311. Rents, tolls, fees, etc. – Rules authorized.

A board of trustees is further authorized and empowered to fix the rents, tolls, fees, other charges, activity fees, and gate receipts of athletic contests and to make and to enforce the rules with reference to or in connection with any building, ~~or~~ structure, facility, improvement, infrastructure, leasehold, technology, or property authorized to be constructed, reconstructed, enlarged, repaired, improved, installed, licensed, leased, or equipped and with reference to the use thereof as the board may deem desirable for the welfare of the institution or its student body.